

REMARKS

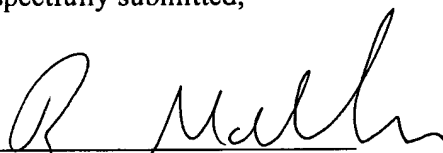
Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a personal interview conducted with Applicants representatives (Thomas Engellenner and the undersigned) on March 16, 2005 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office to discuss outstanding issues in the above-referenced patent application as well as a follow-up telephonic discussion conducted on April 7, 2005. During the interview, the art cited against the application in the final Office Action, issued on July 6, 2004, as well as various potential claim amendments were discussed. During the telephonic discussion, further refinements to the claims were discussed and agreed upon. All of the changes discussed during the personal and telephonic interviews are now presented for approval.

Accordingly, the above amended claims are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at (617) 439-2514 if there are any remaining issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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